

Moultonborough Heritage Commission Annual Report 2013



Established in March 2009, the Heritage Commission works toward the proper recognition, use, and protection of significant historical and cultural resources in the Town of Moultonborough. In order to promote public appreciation of local historical resources, the Heritage Commission continued its Community Landmarks lecture series in 2013, focusing attention on current preservation projects in the town. In June, Michael Desplaines spoke on the restoration of Lucknow (the Castle in the Clouds) for the property's upcoming centennial. In July, Ed Pape gave a presentation on his ongoing work on the early English-style barn at the former Singing Eagle Lodge property near Squam Lake. In August, as part of continued efforts to plan for the future and preservation of the Moultonborough Grange Hall, Cristina Ashjian and Norman Larson provided an overview of the building's history, condition, and status. The Commission was delighted that architect John Smits (Actus 3D) donated his time and expertise to produce detailed 3D laser scans of the exterior and interior spaces of the Grange Hall.

Thanks to a generous donation from longtime resident Enid Holmes, the Commission established a non-lapsing Heritage Fund in August. Funds from the Benjamin Moore Company 'Your Main Street Matters' program were added in late December, via Aubuchon Hardware. In 2013, Commission members served on local committees concerned with planning issues: Cristina Ashjian on the Master Plan Implementation Committee, Mark Borrin on the Adele Taylor Property Use Committee as Chair, and Norman Larson on the Moultonborough Historical Society's Grange Committee. A NH State Register marker and 'Seven to Save' sign were installed on the Moultonborough Grange Hall in April, with the aid of Selectman Jon Tolman (see photo: Cristina Ashjian, Chair, Moultonborough Heritage Commission; Maggie Stier, Field Service Representative, NH Preservation Alliance; Kathy Garry, President, Moultonborough Historical Society; Steve Bedard, Bedard Preservation & Restoration LLC). In 2014, the Commission will continue to collaborate with local and state entities on community preservation projects.

Respectfully submitted,
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